

Recreation Division Highlights

Thursday, July 16, 2026



Dos Vientos Community Center "Time to steal some pic-a-nik baskets"

Our Jr. Rangers Camp had an exciting week of outdoor exploration! Approximately 13 campers visited the Rancho Potrero Amphitheater to learn about native plants and wildlife, enjoyed a special visit from our friends at Rancho Potrero, who brought horses for the campers to meet and pet, and heard an engaging interpretive talk from COSCA Ranger Tim. Campers also got to see some wildlife, a deer and a coyote!

Thousand Oaks Teen Center Harmony House 801 Concert

On June 26, the Thousand Oaks Teen Center hosted about 60 people for an evening of live music and connection featuring TikTok sensation Harmony House 801. The event brought together teens and families for a positive shared experience & provided a safe, engaging space for youth to connect through music and entertainment.



Thousand Oaks Community Center Vroom, Vroom!

More than 6,000 community members attended Touch-a-Truck on June 20, making it one of the Community Center's largest family events of the year. Guests explored a wide variety of vehicles, including a helicopter, emergency response vehicles, Public Works equipment, CRPD Grounds vehicles, and many more, creating an engaging, hands-on experience that showcased the partnerships and services that support our community.



Aquatics Popsicles at the Pool

To help beat the summer heat, the Aquatics team treated patrons and campers to popsicles on July 2. Staff traveled throughout the community in the Park District's Rec Van, delivering frozen treats to the high school pools and the CLU campus. With temperatures soaring, "Popsicles at the Pool" was a refreshing surprise that everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

Borchard Community Center

That's How We Roll

On June 16, Borchard expanded its skate program by introducing roller skating classes. Through generous support from Play Conejo and partnerships with Moxie Skates and 187 Killer Pads, the center acquired a fleet of roller skates and protective equipment, making the program accessible to participants of all ages. Professional roller-skating instructor Dita Davis was brought on to lead classes and help launch this exciting new aspect to our skate programs.



Conejo Community Center

Pom-Pom Jar rewards

One of the newest traditions at our summer camps has been the Pom-Pom Reward Program, a fun and engaging way to encourage positive behavior and teamwork throughout the day. Campers earned pom-poms throughout the summer by demonstrating kindness, teamwork, and positive behavior. After reaching their goal, they are allowed to choose from a variety of awards. They seem to always pick the same reward... the chance to pie their counselors in the face!



Let's go to camp!

Conejo Community Center campers enjoyed several days of hands-on learning with local educators and wildlife experts. Captain Carl's Tidepool Show introduced campers to live tidepool animals and California's coastal ecosystems, while Matt's Reptile Family provided an up-close look at reptiles from around the world and the importance of conservation. Park Rangers also shared their knowledge of local wildlife, teaching campers how to safely observe animals and help protect natural habitats.



Celebrating 250

Just Keep Swimming

On July 4th, over 230 patrons enjoyed the Free Recreational Swim offered at the Community Pool at CLU.

Breakfast at Borchard

This year's 4th of July Pancake Breakfast welcomed a record 517 participants, making it our largest event to date. In addition to breakfast, crafts, and family games, new attractions included outdoor picnic-style games, a DJ with karaoke, and live performances by the Westlake Music Academy.



Concert in the Park

Conejo Community Center celebrated Independence Day on Friday, July 4, with a Concert in the Park featuring the New West Symphony. Thousands gathered to enjoy live music, community spirit, and a spectacular fireworks show.

Before the concert, families participated in the Kids Home Run Derby, where young athletes competed in three age divisions, while classic field games—including sack races, three-legged races, tug-of-war, and hula hoop challenges—provided fun for all ages throughout the afternoon.



Firework Show on the Hillcrest Campus

Over 100 vehicles attended the Fourth of July Fireworks Show at Fireworks Hill, where guests gathered for our largest fireworks display to date at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts. The evening raised \$8000 and brought together many CRPD staff and the community for hot dogs, ice cream, music, games, and a memorable fireworks show.

